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PATENT APPLICATION

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Brigit HELM, et al.

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Confirmation No.: 6988

Examiner: Ronald B. Schwadron

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For: ALLERGEN/INFLAMMATORY TESTING AND DIAGNOSIS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to continued examination, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 34-43 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please add the following new claims:**

- SUB H f'*
44. A method for determining the allergenicity of a pre-selected substance comprising:
- (a) exposing a mast cell-line and/or basophil cell-line to said substance in the absence of a sensitising agent;
  - (b) detecting release of mast cell and/or basophil cell mediators in response to said exposing; and